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### In the Application of

**Jacques Bourdel**

on **A METHOD AND A MACHINE FOR  
EXTRACTING, BY EVAPORATION,  
SOLID RESIDUE CONTAINED IN A  
FLUID MATTER**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Dear Sir:**

Applicant respectfully requests preliminary amendments be made to the specification and claims of the United States patent application identified above, as indicated in the enclosed marked up copy. The amendments have been made to the English translation (also enclosed without amendments) of the original PCT International Application Serial No. PCT/FR99/03283 as filed and from which the

present application claims priority. A clean copy of the amended (Substitute Application) specification and claims is also enclosed.

The proposed changes are requested to put the specification in a form acceptable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and present claims 1 to 26 in the same form as presented for the International Preliminary Examination without multiple dependencies as well as (2) new claims. Applicant respectfully submits that the requested amendments do not add any new matter into the present application.

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